



# Illinois Department of Natural Resources

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Dear Volunteer:

Welcome to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Volunteer Campground Host program. You have joined the group of very special people like yourself who love living in recreational vehicles, protecting our natural resources, and enjoy working with the public, helping others, and giving information.

As you look through this handbook, you will find the needed information which will help when you perform the duties expected of you while being a campground host for the Department. You will also come across some suggestions which will aid in making your stay and job more enjoyable.

Thank you for your interest. I hope you continue to visit and have fun camping in Illinois' parks. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (217) 785-8129 or my email address is [Barbara.L.Foster@illinois.gov](mailto:Barbara.L.Foster@illinois.gov)

Sincerely,

*Barbara Foster*

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Volunteer Campground Host Coordinator

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# **ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES MISSION STATEMENT**

**Our mission is to manage, protect and sustain Illinois' natural and cultural resources; provide resource-compatible recreational opportunities; and promote natural resource-related public safety, education, and science.**

## ***PURPOSE OF HANDBOOK***

- **To help hosts maintain the excellent level of service currently being provided for visitors.**
- **To assist in training new volunteers to be hosts.**
- **To serve as a handy reference for information on hosting.**
- **To help insure a safe, satisfying volunteer experience for hosts.**
- **To assist hosts in selecting the type of service and duty most appropriate for them.**

## **ILLINOIS**



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## ✓ HOST DUTIES

Campground hosts serve as public relations liaisons providing information, assisting with camping permits and performing other assorted functions.

Hosting opportunities will vary from location-to-location, depending on the need for volunteers. Assignments may be anytime during camping season which is April 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>. A new Application will need to be completed and approved, if you host any date after October 31<sup>st</sup> and before April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Alternate Campground Hosts are needed. There are times when we have last minute cancellations, and it's helpful to have alternates on file to contact individuals who are available on short notice. Additionally, alternate hosts are used as a temporary replacement of the regular hosts. For example, the regular hosts may need to take a short leave of absence. An alternate host is contacted to fill in during the time the regular host is gone.

The following is a list of what is expected of you. Please be sure to ask enough questions to thoroughly understand the scope and details of your duties.

## GENERAL EXPECTATIONS OF HOSTS

✓ Volunteer and live in the campground.

All hosts will be given a free campsite but need to provide their own camping equipment in return for services provided. Volunteers will have a "Host" sign at their site.

✓ Welcome campers in a cheerful and helpful manner.

Greet campers with a smile. Be prepared with all forms when the campers appear. This will make the check in quicker and help put the camper at ease.

✓ Collect camping fees.

✓ Acquaint visitors with the park layout and surrounding area.

Brochures are available at the park office which provide a map, history and activities available at the park.

- ✓ Become familiar with points of interest and locations where local services can be obtained.

Knowing the locations of the nearest grocery store, restaurant, church, bait shop and gas station is very helpful to campers.

- ✓ Have information for campers such as weather forecast, where fishing and hunting is good, park restrictions, alcohol restrictions (if applicable) and the time for quiet hours.

- ✓ Set a good example by maintaining a neat and orderly campsite.

Remember, you are a representative of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, please try to keep your appearance neat and campsite clean.

- ✓ Report necessary repairs and maintenance to park staff.

If you are aware that maintenance work needs to be done in a specific area tell the park staff. Being extra eyes for the staff is very beneficial and helpful to them. Some examples may include: shower building repairs, fire rings need replaced, weeds or trees need to be removed, pads for the campsite need gravel, etc.

- ✓ Assist with special programs and campground activities.

If you are interested in doing programs at the campsite, work with the seasonal interpreter (if there is one), or organize your own program. These do not have to be complicated and limit them to 30-40 min. Advertise ahead of time. Some examples might be: leaf rubbing for children, story-telling, talks or seminars about fishing, trees, animals; wildflower hikes; horseshoe tournament, volleyball tournament. Posters and materials are available through the Departments clearinghouse (217) 782-7498.

- ✓ Other duties as assigned...

Hosts may be asked to do additional duties as needed.

## **☛ VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**All hosts have specific duties and scheduled times to volunteer which are determined by the site.**

- ☛ Hosts must agree to volunteer 35 hours per week including holidays and weekends.**
- ☛ Hosts normally stay a minimum of 4 weeks.**
- ☛ Hosts will be paid the \$1.00 a day rate on a contractual voucher, and hosts are paid only for actual days worked, unless waived.**

## COLLECTING CAMPING FEES

*A primary duty of a campground host is to collect camping fees. Keep in mind camping fees are different for each class site. Make sure you are familiar with the camping fee schedule. This information will be provided to you once you begin your volunteer service or at the campground host training.*

### **Important information to remember...**

-  **Make sure you tell the campers to read the back of the permit. It explains the rules, and that they are responsible for that information.**
  
-  **You MUST indicate when someone pays by check by putting the driver's license number on the camping permit. Otherwise, they could come back for a refund and receive cash back on a bad check.**
  
-  **The camper must be an Illinois resident to receive any discounts. Seniors 62 or older will be charged one-half the established camping fee on any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, at Class A and B sites but must pay the entire established camping fee on all sites on any Friday, Saturday or Sunday.**
  
-  **Review regulations on disabilities. The camper must have the number "2" following the disability letter in order to qualify for the discount.**
  
-  **An Illinois resident who is a disabled veteran or former prisoner of war may camp without being charged a camping fee, but if at a site with utilities, must pay the entire utility fee for each day of camping. Appropriate documentation from the Illinois Department of Veteran Affairs must be presented to qualify.**

## \* FORMS

New campground hosts must fill out a Campground Host Application/Job Description and Waiver/Release of Liability. Your forms will be kept on file at the park and in the Springfield office. Applicants for campground host positions must be at least 21 years old and have a valid driver's license **with your current name and street address. A post office box address without a street address will not be accepted.**

**Note: Campground Hosts are never to use the site address for delivery of personal mail.**

Returning hosts must also fill out The Campground Host Application/Job Description and the Waiver/Release of Liability.

Hosts will need to sign a vehicle authorization form if you will be driving a state or personal vehicle **and provide proof of vehicle insurance.**

[CAMPGROUND HOST APPLICATION/JOB DESCRIPTION](#)

[WAIVER/RELEASE OF LIABILITY](#)

[VEHICLE AUTHORIZATION - VOLUNTEERS](#)

### ***FORMS MUST BE FILLED OUT ON AN ANNUAL BASIS!***

The Campground Host Coordinator must have an updated form on file each year. **A background check must be performed and the applicant cleared before volunteering. Starting January 1, 2013 the background check will be performed annually.**

#### ☺ **All Hosts receive:**

- ☺ Current applications need to be on file each year
- ☺ Training
- ☺ Shirts
- ☺ Name badges

Campground hosts shirts will be provided along with a plastic engraved name tag for proper identification. Hosts must do their own cleaning of the uniforms. ***Remember to wear your uniform and name tag.*** This will attract campers to you.

## ★ SECURITY ISSUES ★

### THOUGHTS FROM YOUR CPO

A Conservation Police Officer (CPO) is available in the district in which the park is located. Ask the staff at the park who your CPO is and introduce yourself to him or her.

### ☛ IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER...

Keep a list of emergency telephone & radio numbers.

Be aware of the "chain of command". Know who you should call first, second, etc. during an incident or emergency.

If you are calling for a CPO and they do not respond it is probably because they are out of their vehicle and they must be on the State Police band. *They are not ignoring you.* Unless it is an emergency, wait and try to call them back a little later. In case of life threatening emergency, contact Park Staff first or call 911.

When dialing 911 - use a hard line (regular phone). Cellular phones do not work as well - the call may take longer if you use a cell phone.

Inform campers of the alcohol ban, if one exists, within the campground. If anyone is drinking in an alcohol-free campground take note of it and contact the park staff. A CPO will be notified and will confiscate all alcohol in their possession.

Juveniles need to be under supervision in campground during the 10pm - 7am quiet hours.

Do not take law enforcement issues into your own hands - leave it to the CPO or the Site Security Officer. The best thing for you to do is be a good witness. Take notes on vehicle color, license plates, campsite number, and physical descriptions, so you do not forget the information. If you suspect illegal behavior, you should take notes and contact your CPO as soon as possible.

**DO NOT put yourself in harm's way.**

## **TIPS FOR CAMPGROUND HOSTS**

-  **Leave notice at your site when you leave. This will help campers know what to do.**
-  **Talk with campers to discuss any concerns they may have, and distribute the visitor survey forms**
-  **Be aware of local events such as festivals, tournaments, etc.**
-  **Always keep lines of communication open among you, the campers and the site staff.**
-  **You must know the rules of the park and follow them. People are always watching what you do, so your activities are important.**
-  **You should maintain a relationship with the concessionaire. You will be able to better inform campers of what is available to them at the concession.**
-  **You can't always resolve problems - just always follow the rules. If you don't know an answer ask the staff to help you.**



### **Phone Etiquette**

At times, hosts will be responsible for answering the phones at the parks, for example hosts at Rock Cut State Park are to answer the phone in the registration booth. It is important that they are aware on how to properly handle phone calls. Ask the staff at the park at which you are hosting for information on phone etiquette.

# **SITES WHICH USE CAMPGROUND HOSTS**

## **NORTHWEST**

### **REGION I**

1. ***Anderson Lake Conservation Area*** - minimum of 3 positions rotating monthly  
Astoria, IL (309) 759-4484  
2135 acreage  
Class C site

Two campgrounds totaling 100 sites, are located on the west bank of the lake and provide for both tents and trailers. A sanitary dump station is also available.

Additional activities: picnicking, fishing, and hunting.

Specific duties: register campers, collect camping fees, report security problems, and answer questions. Check & report any problems in restroom facilities to Supervisor in charge.

2. ***Argyle Lake State Park*** - minimum of 4 positions  
Colchester, IL (309) 776-3422  
1700 acreage  
Class A, D, Y sites

For longer visits, the park contains 86 class A sites. There are 25 class B sites, 18 class C sites, featuring vehicle access and restrooms, and 31 class D sites. Electrical hookups, a disposal station and restrooms with showers are also available.

Additional activities: picnicking, concession and restaurant, trails, boating, fishing, hunting, winter sports and visitor center.

Specific duties: register campers, collect camping fees, report security problems

Check & report any problems in restroom facilities to Supervisor in charge.

3. ***Big River State Forest*** - minimum of 2 positions  
Keithsburg, IL (309) 374-2496  
3027 acreage  
Class C, D sites

The *Riverview Campground* has 35 class C and D sites available and *Shady Pines Campground* as 30 class C and D sites. Group camping is allowed, but groups of 25 or more must receive advance permission for the site manager.

Additional activities: picnicking, boating, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, hunting and snowmobiling and scenic drives.

Specific duties: register campers, collect camping fees, distribute information about the park, check & report any problems in restroom facilities to Supervisor in charge.

4. ***Delabar State Park*** - minimum of 2 positions  
Keithsburg, IL (309) 374-2496  
89 acreage  
Class B/E, C, D sites

Areas of both tent and trailers are available (58 B/E, 15 C, 15 D). Electrical hook-ups, drinking water, sanitary station and jet pump for filling trailers are available. Group camping is available. Groups of 25 or more must have advance permission from the site superintendent.

Additional activities: picnicking, trails, fishing, and winter sports.

Specific duties: registering campers, collect camping fees, distribute park information, check & report any problems in restroom facilities to Supervisor in charge.

5. ***Henderson County Conservation Area*** - minimum of 2 positions  
Keithsburg, IL (309) 374-2496  
88 acreage  
Class C site

Thirty-five class C sites, with tables and grills, completely surround all areas of the lake that have road access. Group camping is permitted, however groups of 25 or more need advance permission. Groups must not exceed more than 15 minors.

Additional activities: picnicking, fishing, boating, winter sports, hiking, and playground.

Specific duties: register campers. collect camping fees, distribute information about the park, check & report any problems in restroom facilities to Supervisor in charge.

6. ***Illini State Park*** - minimum of 4 positions  
Marseilles, IL (815) 795-2448  
510 acreage  
Class A, B/S, Y sites

With both tent and trailer sites available, there is something for every type of camper at Illini State park. The campgrounds are *Great Falls and Whitetail* with 50 sites each. Some sites feature breathtaking river views. Electricity and sanitary dumps are among the services offered. A youth group area is also available for youth groups. A Rent-A-Cabin is available. Additional activities: picnicking, boating, fishing, winter sports. Specific duties: hosts are required to greet campers, register campers, collect fees, they are responsible for locking the gates and reporting problems to staff. Check & report any problems in campground shower buildings to Supervisor in charge.

7. ***Johnson-Sauk Trail*** - minimum of 2 positions  
Kewanee, IL (309) 853-5589  
1361.5 acreage  
Class A, C, D, Y sites

The *Chief Keokuk Campground* features 71 electric sites with gravel pads and 25 non-electric sites. A shower building, sanitary dump station and playground is available for campers The shower building is open and water available from May 1 until October 31.

Additional activities: picnicking, fishing, boating, hiking, concession, boat rental, winter sports, hunting programs, playground and historic Ryan's Round Barn.

Specific duties: welcome visitors, issuing camping permits, collect fees, pick up litter in the campground and report any problems to staff.

8. ***Jubilee College State Park*** - minimum of 6 positions  
Brimfield, IL (309) 446-3758  
3500 acreage  
Class A, B/S, C, Y sites

Campground facilities, open from April 15<sup>th</sup> to November 15<sup>th</sup> accommodate recreational vehicles or tents and include a shower building with flush toilets, a trailer dump station, graveled pads, and grills, with water hydrants and privies conveniently located. Groups are welcome.

Additional activities: picnicking, equestrian facilities, hiking, fishing, winter sports and hunting. Specific duties: register campers, collect camping fees and maintain host camp site. Check & report any problems in campground shower buildings to Supervisor in charge.

**9. *Lake Le-Aqua-Na* - minimum of 6 positions**

**Lena, IL (815) 369-4282**

**715 acreage**

**Class A, B/S, C, Y sites**

The camping area is open from May 1 to Oct. 31, and most are available on a first-come, first-served basis. A few sites, however, may be reserved in advance beginning Jan. 2 each year. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed anywhere in the park from March 1 through May 31. Alcohol is also prohibited in the campgrounds all year.

More than 177 campsites, with electricity available to nearly 140, are grouped into three designated areas. RV campers, tent campers, equestrians and youth groups will find most everything they need at these sites. Class A facilities, include graveled pads, conveniently located water hydrants, a dumping station, and a shower building with flush toilets. Class B facilities offer vehicular access and the use of the shower building.

*Big Buck Campground* is separate from the other areas and is maintained for equestrians. It is accessed from the country roads bordering the park. Groups of more than 25 persons and youth groups must obtain advanced permission to use the camping facilities.

Additional activities: trails, winter sports, canoeing, paddle boats, concession stand.

Specific duties: register campers and collect camping fees. Check & report any problems in restroom facilities to Supervisor in charge.

**10. *Lowden State Park* - minimum of 4 positions**

**Oregon, IL (815) 732-6828**

**207 acreage**

**Class A, B/S, D sites**

Eighty camping sites include limited electricity, a shower, sanitary dumping station for trailers. During the summer, a refreshment stand provides cool drinks and snacks. There are also 8 walk-in camping areas for those who like more primitive camping.

Additional activities: picnicking, hiking, fishing and boating.

Specific duties: register campers and collect camping fees, pick-up grounds, responsible for the management of the rental cabin.

**11. *Marshall State Fish & Wildlife Area* - minimum of 2 positions**

**Lacon, IL (309) 246-8351**

**5658 acreage**

**Class B/E, C, D sites**

**Tent and trailer spaces with electricity, water and shower access are available (22 class B/E sites, 6 class C sites). Primitive camping is available except during the waterfowl hunting seasons.**

**Additional activities: picnicking, boating, fishing, hunting, trails, and winter sports.**

**Specific duties: register campers, collect camping fees, provide visitors with information about the area and campground. Check & report any problems in the campground shower buildings to Supervisor in charge.**

**12. *Mississippi Palisades State Park* - minimum of 8 positions**

**Savanna, IL (815) 273-2731**

**2505 acreage**

**Class A, B/S, D, Y sites**

**With 241 Class A and B/S trailer sites in both shaded and open areas, Mississippi Palisades is in demand by campers. Because of its popularity, in fact, all camping is on a first-come, first-served basis, and reservations are not accepted. Electrical hookups are available at 110 sites. Showers and flush toilets are situated in three buildings and are in operation from May 1 until Oct. 31. You can pick up supplies at a camp convenience store, open during the summer. The campground also features water and two sanitary dump stations.**

**Two youth camping sites are available. These may be reserved. An adult must accompany every group of 15 minors. Any group of 25 or more must get permission from the site personnel before entering the park.**

**Three primitive walk-in sites also are tucked into Mississippi Palisades. By hiking approximately one half-mile, you'll be able to enjoy rustic camping along the park's serene northern trails.**

**Additional activities: trails, fishing, boating, hunting, picnicking, and winter sports.**

**Specific duties: issue camping permits and collect camping fees, provide visitors with information about the area and campground, and take messages to campers, if needed, check & report any problems in campground shower buildings to Supervisor in charge.**

**13. Morrison Rockwood State Park**  
**18750 Lake Road**  
**Morrison, IL 61270 (815) 772-4708**  
**Class A,B,S,Y**

**Camping at Morrison-Rockwood State Park is sure to delight all who love the out-of-doors. Ninety-two camping sites are available in heavily wooded areas of the park. Each site has electricity, grill and a table. A shower building with flush toilets is available from May 1st through October 31. A trailer dump station is conveniently located near the campground.**

**Lake Carlton provides one of the best fishing spots in Illinois. Its average depth is 12 foot, with a maximum depth of 27 foot. It has a shoreline of 2.9 miles with plenty of room for shore fishermen. Initial stocking of the lake was completed in 1970 and the lake has been managed since then to maintain a plentiful fishing variety. Anglers may catch largemouth bass, black crappie, Rock bass, channel catfish, redear sunfish, bluegill, muskie and walleye. In addition to shoreline fishing, there are nine piers which are designated for fishermen.**

**14. Prophetstown State Recreation Area**  
***P.O. Box 181***  
***Prophetstown, IL (815) 537-2926***  
**52 acreage**  
**Class A, B/S, Y sites**

**An open, well-shaded area is available for both tent and trailer camping. Electrical hookups are available at 44 sites. Non-electrical sites number 42, some near the river. A dump station is available for trailers. Shower house with flush toilets centered in campground. Water hydrants are located throughout the area. Boat ramp and bait shop in park. Additional activities: picnicking, fishing, horseshoe court, hiking trail. Swimming and hunting located nearby. Specific duties: register campers and collect camping fees, distribute information about the park, check & report any problems in campground shower buildings to Supervisor in charge, assist in maintenance of flower plots.**

**15. Rice Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area - minimum of 2 positions**

**19721 N US 24**

**Canton, IL (309) 647-9184**

**5660 acreage            Class B/E, C, Y sites**

**Tent and trailer camping is available. Thirty-four of the sites are graveled and have electricity hookups and grills. A sanitary dump station, toilets and a boat launch is available in the campground. The tent camping area is in a separate area and may flood.**

**Additional Activities: picnicking, fishing, and hunting, playground.**

**Specific duties: register campers and collect camping fees, check & report any problems in campground shower buildings to Supervisor in charge.**

**16. Rock Cut State Park - minimum of 10 positions**

**7318 Harlem Road**

**Loves Park, IL (815) 885-3311**

**3092 acreage**

**Class A, B/S, C, Y sites**

**For those who want to include an overnight stay in their visit to Rock Cut, the park offers 215 class A sites and 60 class B sites. Open year-round, the campgrounds provide water, electricity, sanitary dump stations, showers, toilets, a boat launch and playground equipment. Only electricity and pit toilets are available in the winter season.**

**A youth group area is available May 1 to Oct. 31 by reservations only.**

**Equestrian camping is restricted to a site on Hart Road. Groups of more than 25 persons need advance permission from the site superintendent before they can enter the park. Alcohol is prohibited in the campground.**

**Hosts will be responsible for manning the registration/information booth at the front of the park. Campers register at the booth before they enter the park. Hosts are also available throughout the park at specified sites.**

**Additional activities: swimming, picnicking, winter sports, fishing, and boating.**

**Specific duties: register campers, collect camping fees, provide visitors with information about the area and campground check & report any problems in campground shower buildings to Supervisor in charge.**

**17. *Shabbona Lake State Park* - minimum of 6 positions**

**4201 Shabbona Grove Rd.**

**Shabbona, IL (815) 824-8106**

**1546 acreage**

**Class A, S sites**

**The campground has 150 class A sites with electricity, a sanitary dump station, and a shower building with flush toilets. All camping facilities are accessible to the disabled. Campgrounds may be closed during the spring thaw due to road conditions, and shower facilities close during the winter.**

**Additional activities: picnicking, concessions, hiking, fishing, boating, hunting and winter sports.**

**Specific duties: write permits, answer public questions, pick up litter in campground, check & report any problems in campground shower buildings to Supervisor in charge, work in check station during busy times.**

**18. *Starved Rock State Park* - minimum of 6 positions**

**Route 178 & 71**

**Utica, IL (815) 667-4726**

**2630 acreage**

**Class A, Y sites**

**There is a large campground in the south of the park, with 133 class A campsites complete with water, electricity and showers, a separate youth group camping area, and a children's playground. Seven campsites are accessible for people with disabilities. Alcohol is prohibited in the campground.**

**Additional activities: hiking, fishing, boating, horseback riding, Equestrian camping, winter sports, and picnicking.**

**Specific duties: collect permits 7 days a week on the day shift, man permit booth on Friday, Saturday & Sunday, collect expired permits daily, check campground for any vacant sites available to sell, check & report any problems in campground shower buildings to Supervisor in charge, hand out all information available to campers.**

**19. *White Pines Forest State Park* - minimum of 2 positions**

**6712 White Pines Rd**

**Mt. Morris, IL (815) 946-3717**

**385 acreage**

**Class B/S, Y sites**

**White Pines Forest State Park has 107 class B campsites, with vehicular access, as well as tent and trailer sites. In addition, there is a youth group campground.**

**Because of the nature of the terrain in this area, soft ground and high water may sometimes close campgrounds. It's a good idea to check ahead with the site superintendent's office to be sure the facilities are open.**

**Seven campsites are handicapped accessible.**

**Alcohol is prohibited in the campground.**

**Additional activities: picnicking, hiking, and winter sports.**

**Specific duties: write camping permits and collect fees three days a week from campsite and two days a week from camping permit station when on afternoon/evening shift. Check campgrounds for persons needing permits.**

**Report any problems in the campgrounds to park staff, inform the public of the rules and regulations of the park, park activities and answer questions from visitors.**

**20. *Woodford State Fish & Wildlife Area* - minimum of 2 positions**

**2009Route 26**

**Lowpoint, IL (309) 822-8861**

**2901 acreage**

**Class C site**

**Sites for tents and trailers are provided. Water, pit privies and a sanitary dump station are available. Due to periodic flooding of the Illinois River, it is advisable to call ahead and check on conditions before you visit.**

**Additional activities: picnicking, boating, fishing, hunting, and trails.**

**Specific duties: register campers and collect camping fees.**

## NORTHEAST

### **REGION II**

**1. *Chain O'Lakes State Park* - minimum of 6 positions**

8916 Wilmot Rd

Spring Grove, IL (847) 587-5512

6063 acreage

Class A, B/S, Y sites

The park's has 150 class A sites which have electricity, disposal stations, flush toilets and shower houses. Chain O'Lakes has 87 class B/S sites with water, vault toilets and access to showers. There also is a youth group camping area that can accommodate up to 150 youngsters which is available by advance reservations.

**Additional activities:** picnicking, trails, bicycling, horse rental, rent-a-camp, boating, concession/boat rental, fishing, hunting, winter sports and facilities for the disabled.

**Specific Duties:** check & report any problems in campground shower buildings, to the Supervisor in charge, check fire rings, litter pick-up, register campers, collect camping fees, check on campsites, provide visitors with information and report security problems.

**2. *Illinois Beach State Park* - minimum of 8 positions**

Zion, IL (847) 662-4811 or (847) 662-4828

4160 acreage

Class A, Y sites

Illinois Beach State Park is the most visited park with 244 class A sites. Forty four of these sites are may be reserved from May 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>. The Organized youth group area may be reserved and can accommodate groups up to 60.

All class A sites have electrical hookup, picnic table, grill, access to bath house with heated showers and flush toilets, access to drinking water, and a sanitary dump station. Supplies and souvenirs are available at the Camp store located on the main swimming beach. The Camp store is open during the summer only.

Additional activities: picnicking, concessions, swimming, fishing, boating, hiking, visitor center, jet skiing, windsurfing, bicycling, rollerblading, winter sports and year round interpretive programs.

Specific Duties: register campers and collect fees, provide visitors with information about the park, campground and interpretive events. Provide general information to fisherman and maintain Commonwealth Edison fishing pier, check & report any problems in campground shower buildings to Supervisor in charge. The Campground Hosts at Illinois Beach State Park are divided into 6 Area Hosts which have specific duties. The duties will be discussed further by the site superintendent of the park.

3. ***Kankakee River State Park*** - minimum of 3 positions

5314 W Route 102

Bourbonnais, IL 60914 (815) 933-1383

3932 acreage

Class A, B/E, C, D, Y sites

*Potawatomi Campground* has 110 class A campsites in a wooded setting. *Chippewa Campground* has 51 class B/E campsites, 47 class C campsites and 40 class D campsites. The *Equestrian Campground* located off Route 113 is open from April 1<sup>st</sup> thru October 31<sup>st</sup>. *Davis Creek Campground* is available for chaperoned youth and church groups. Groups over 25 must register in advance.

Additional activities: Rent-A-Cabin, hunting, fishing, canoeing, picnicking, trails, riding stables, concession, visitor center, interpretive programs, archery range, winter sports, and scenic bike path.

Specific Duties: register campers, collect camping fees, distribute information about the park, report security problems, check & report any problems in campground shower buildings to Supervisor in charge.

## EAST-CENTRAL

### **REGION III**

**1. *Clinton Lake State Recreation Area* - minimum of 3 couples or 3 singles**

**RR #1 Box 4**

**DeWitt, IL (217) 935-8722**

**9915 acreage**

**Class A, B/S, Y sites**

**There are 17 class AA sites, 286 class A sites and 5 class B campsites with showers and almost all are adaptable to either tents, trailers or motor homes. Each site is equipped with a grill and picnic table. Reservations are taken on 6 class AA sites, 74 class A sites and all of 5 class B sites. The wooded area along the lake provides the perfect setting to turn in after a long day of fun. A group camp area for adults or youth groups has room for 75 and provides a secluded wooded setting with a large shelter with electricity, RV pads with electrical hookups, toilets, tables, grills and water.**

**Additional activities: fishing, boating, swimming, water skiing, hiking, picnicking, hunting and winter sports.**

**Specific Duties: register campers, collect camping fees, provide visitors with information and assist site staff with camper, check & report any problems in campground shower buildings to Supervisor in charge.**

**2. *Eagle Creek State Park* - minimum of 3 couples**

**RR. #1 Box 198B**

**Findlay, IL (217) 756-8260**

**1463 acreage**

**Class A, C, D, Y sites**

**There are 160 vehicular camp sites (including 150 class A sites with electricity, water hydrants, fire blocks, picnic tables and showers): a tent camping area and an organized group camping area available for longer stays.**

**Additional activities: picnicking, fishing, hiking and hunting.**

**Specific Duties: Register campers, collect camping fees, monitor restrooms for cleanliness and supplies and report any problems in campground shower buildings to Supervisor in charge.**

**3. *Hidden Springs State Forest* - minimum of 1 couple**

**RR #1 Box 200**

**Strasburg, IL (217) 644-3091**

**1121 acreage**

**Class C, Y sites**

***Possum Creek*, a class C campground, includes water, privy, sanitary disposal station, pedestal stoves, fire blocks and a fire ring. Campers may set up camp on the site of their choice. *Shady Grove Campground* accommodates groups by reservation only. Ground fires in both areas are allowed only in the fire rings provided.**

**Additional activities: picnicking, boating, fishing, hiking and hunting.**

**Specific Duties: register campers and collect camping fees**

**4. *Kickapoo State Park* - minimum of 2 couples**

**10906 Kickapoo Park Rd.**

**Oakwood, IL (217) 442-4915**

**2844 acreage**

**Class A, B/S, D, Y sites**

**Kickapoo has two major campgrounds for tent and trailer camping, with 183 sites. About half the sites have electrical hookups, and a sanitary dump station is available. Campers occupying electrical sites are required to pay for the availability of electricity even if the service is not used. A limited number of walk-in sites are available for primitive campers.**

**Several campsites can be reserved in advance by mail or applying in person. The maximum length of stay is 15 days in a 30-day period. Group camping is permitted. Campers must have camping equipment with them when they register to camp.**

**Additional activities: fishing, boating, canoeing, scuba diving, hiking, running, picnicking, hunting, mountain biking and winter sports.**

**Specific Duties: register campers and collect camping fees, help out with the litter pick-up around the campgrounds, check the cleanliness and supplies of the restrooms and report any problems in campground shower buildings to Supervisor in charge.**

**5. Lincoln Trail State Park - minimum of 1 host**

16985 E. 1350<sup>th</sup> Rd

Marshall, IL (217) 826-2222

1022 acreage

Class A, D, Y sites

The two class A campgrounds have a total of 208 sites. *Plainview and Lakeside Campgrounds*, offer something for every type of camper. Both areas offer electricity, showers, tables, fire blocks, playground equipment, water, toilet facilities and a sanitary dumping station. *Lakeside Campground* also includes 27 class D camping areas for tents. Organized adult or youth groups may wish to reserve the group camping area in advance by calling the park office.

Additional activities: picnicking, boating, fishing, hiking, concession stand, and winter sports.

Specific Duties: register campers and collect fees, check the cleanliness and supplies of the restrooms and report any problems in campground shower buildings to Supervisor in charge and report security problems to staff.

**6. Moraine View State Recreation Area - minimum of 3 couples**

RR #2 Box 110

LeRoy, IL (309) 724-8032

1688 acreage

Class A, B/E, D sites

There are 137 class A trailer campsites with water, showers, electricity and sanitary station. A boat launch and dock is also situated in this area. The shower building is closed during the months of November to April.

There are 33 primitive class D tent campsites, a two group camp able to accommodate 225, and 30 class A equestrian campsites in a separate area, complete with water, electricity and hitching racks.

A concession stand located near the boat dock and launch, offers dock and boat rental, fishing tackle, bait, refreshments and various supplies. A restaurant, seating 60, serves breakfast and lunch daily.

Additional activities: picnicking, boating, fishing, swimming, hiking, horseback riding, winter sports and hunting.

**Specific Duties: register campers and collect camping fees, check the cleanliness and supplies of the restrooms and report any problems in campground shower buildings to Supervisor in charge. Check reservations, hand out park literature, garbage bags if needed.**

**7. *Walnut Point State Park* - 1 couple**

**RR #2 Box 250**

**Oakland, IL (217) 346-3336**

**631 acreage**

**Class A, C, Y sites**

**Class A has 34 sites with camping areas which offer use of electric hook-ups and a shower building with flush toilets. In addition, class C offers 20 walk-in tent sites and a group camping area are available. Drinking water and a sanitary dump station are provided. During cold weather, camp facilities are subject to closure. Campers are reminded they are required to have their primary camping unit with them before they can occupy a site and obtain a permit. The group camping has one site.**

**Additional activities: fishing, picnicking, hiking, hunting, winter sports, interpretive programs, and concession.**

**Specific Duties: register campers, collect camping fees, distribute information about the park, report security problems, check the cleanliness and supplies of the restrooms and report any problems in campground shower buildings to Supervisor in charge.**

**8. *Weldon Springs State Park* - minimum of 3 hosts, 1 month minimum**

**4734 Weldon Springs Road**

**Clinton, IL (217) 935-2644**

**550 acreage**

**Class A, C, D, Y sites**

**The class A campground has 75 camping sites with electricity, vehicular access, a sanitary dumping station for camping trailers, a shower building, water hydrants, cooking grills, picnic tables, pit toilets and playground equipment. Areas for tent, backpack, and youth camping are available. Primitive backpack camping sites are located along Salt Creek.**

**Disabled campers are served. Three campsites designed for special needs offer a hard-surfaced pad. Privies and water are easily accessible. Additional activities: picnicking, wildlife carving, fishing, amphitheaters, hiking, concession stand, visitor center, winter sledding & cross country skiing, Veterans Memorial.**

**Specific Duties: register campers, collect camping fees, collect expired permits daily, provide general information to park visitors, report necessary repairs and violations to park staff, check & report any problems in restroom facilities to Supervisor in charge.**

**9. *Wolf Creek State Park* - minimum of 4 couples**

**RR. #1 Box 99**

**Windsor, IL (217) 459-2831**

**1967 acreage**

**Class A, B/S, B/E, C, D, Y sites**

**There are 304 class A campsites with restrooms and showers, electricity and picnic tables, and 78 class B/S sites. In addition, there are two family tent camping areas, an organized group camp, and an equestrian campground with 13 class C and 5 class B/E.**

**The Rent-A-Camp Program offers 4 person tents and the park has a Rent-A-Cabin. Please call the site superintendent's office to reserve your tent.**

**A 140-site area in the *Lick Creek* section has also been designated for reservations. Requests for reservations are accepted starting in January for sites to be reserved between May 1 and October 31.**

**Additional activities: picnicking, boating, fishing, swimming and trails.**

**Specific Duties: Register campers, collect camping fees, monitor restrooms for cleanliness and supplies and notify Supervisor.**

## CENTRAL

### **REGION IV**

**1. *Beaver Dam State Park* - minimum of 1 couple**

14548 Beaver Dam Lane

Plainview, IL (217) 854-8020

744 acreage

Class A, B/S, Y sites

The trailer camping area (class A) has electricity at each pad and a sanitary dump station. A shower building with flush toilets is located in the center of the trailer camping area. Water is available in the area, but there are no water hookups at each site. Tent camping (class B/S) is in a separate area, with nearby rest rooms and water. A designated area for youth-group camping (class Y), such as Boy or Girl scouts, features restrooms, water, fire pads and picnic tables. All camping is situated in wooded areas with large oak and hickory trees, which provide shade throughout most of the day.

**Additional activities:** picnicking, concession, fishing, hiking trails, playground equipment and an archery range.

**Specific duties:** register campers, collect camping fees, check the cleanliness and supplies of the restrooms and report any problems in campground shower buildings to Supervisor in charge. assist with litter pick-up in the campgrounds, and report problems to staff.

**2. *Eldon Hazlet State Park* - minimum of 4 couples**

20100 Hazlet Park Rd

Carlyle, IL (618) 594-3015

3500 acreage

Class A, C, Y sites

The campground has 327 class A campsites with electrical hook-ups for trailers, 36 class C sites for walk-in tent camping, and one rent-a-cabin. Youth group camping (class Y) is available. Some of the sites are accessible to individuals in a wheelchairs. The campground occupies almost 1 ½ miles of the Carlyle Lake shoreline, and most of the campsites are within easy reach of the water. There are three shower buildings located in the campground, plus numerous privy toilets. Recreation amenities include three sets of playground equipment, a basketball court, a sand volleyball court, horseshoes pits, an amphitheater, and a ¾ mile hiking trail.

**A campground store is open during the camping season and sells convenience items, fishing bait and tackle, and firewood.**

**Additional activities: sailing, boating, hiking trails, picnicking, interpretive programs, fishing, hunting, and group camping.**

**Specific duties: register campers, collect camping fees, pass out brochures, assist campers in emergencies, have hand held radios for contacting Conservation Police Officers in case of illegal activities or disturbances in the park.**

**3. *Horseshoe Lake State Park* - minimum of 1 couple**

**3321 Highway 111**

**Granite City, IL (618) 931-0270**

**2854 acreage**

**Class C , D, Y sites**

**The park accommodates 28 class C tent or trailer sites, 20 tent only sites, and youth group camping (class Y). A sanitary dump station, pit toilets, and water hydrants are conveniently located.**

**Additional activities: picnicking, fishing, boating, hunting, and hiking.**

**Specific duties: register campers and collect camping fees, monitors campground.**

**4. *Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area* - minimum of 3 couples**

**10149 County Highway 11**

**Chandlerville, IL (217) 452-7741**

**15,574 acreage**

**Class AA & A sites**

**JEPC accommodates 18 Class AA sites with sewer drops and water hook-ups at individual sites and 64 Class A sites. A new shower building is also available. No reservations are being accepted for either the Class AA or A sites.**

**There are 9 Rent-A-Cabins available for reservations on a first-come, first served basis. The cabins are located on the shoreline of Prairie Lake and feature two rooms and a covered porch, can sleep six with two sets of bunk beds and a double bed, feature table and chairs and a picnic table for grilling. The cabins are heated, have electrical outlets and ceiling fans. They can be reserved for a \$5 fee with a rate of \$40 per night.**

The wildlife area currently has one equestrian campground with 51 class A sites. The campground is at the trail head of a 26 mile long equestrian trail.

The primitive camping area is also open. Seven 3 sided shelters are available to camp near or camp in for a fee of \$6 per night.

The site can also accommodate 2 separate group camps as well as 9 Day use shelters and can be reserved for \$ 25 non refundable fee.

Additional activities: fishing, picnicking, horseback riding and hiking.

Specific duties: register campers, collect camping fees and hand out park literature. Check & report any problems in restroom facilities to Supervisor in charge.

**5. Nauvoo State Park - minimum of 1 couple**

PO Box 426

Nauvoo, IL (217) 453-2512

148 acreage

Class B/E, C, Y sites

Nauvoo State Park offers 150 camping spaces, equally divided between class B, and C areas. A youth group area is centrally located in the park.

Additional activities: Museum, boating, fishing, trails, picnic and playground area, ball diamond, eagle viewing and other winter activities, and Nauvoo Grape Festival.

Specific duties: register campers and collect camping fees, pass out information, monitor campgrounds, report campers problems check the cleanliness and supplies of the restrooms and report any problems in campground shower buildings to Supervisor in charge.

**6. Pere Marquette State Park - minimum of 3 couples - 1 couple at a time**

PO Box 158

Grafton, IL (618) 786-3323

8100 acreage

Class A, B/S, sites

The parks class A campground has 80 sites, tow of which are handicap accessible. Sites have electrical hookups, with a sanitary dump station, drinking water, and a shower building available on the grounds.

**Sites 2-30 & 80 are available for reservation from May through October. The nearby class B tent camping area also has access to the shower building. Within the class A campground, the park offers two Rent-A-Camp sites. One site features a Rent-A-Camp tent on a permanent wooden platform, the other has two-room Rent-A-Camp cabin.**

**Additional activities: lodging, picnicking, boating, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, and visitor center with museum and gift shop.**

**Specific duties: register campers, collect fees, and check the cleanliness and supplies of the restrooms and report any problems in campground shower buildings to Supervisor in charge.**

#### **7. Sand Ridge State Forest - minimum of 1 couple**

**25779 E Co. Rd 2300**

**Forest City, IL (309) 597-2212**

**7112 acreage**

**Class C, D, Y sites**

***Pine Campground* at the state forest contains 24 class C camp sites featuring water, pit toilets and a sanitary dump station, but no electricity. The campground hosts stay at the campgrounds one class B/E camp site. *Oak Campground* provides water and pit toilets of organized group camping (class Y), and *Horseman's Park* offers a staging area for equestrian camping, horseback riding activities with hitching trails, water, pit toilets and a shelter area. Back country camping is available at 12 primitive sites along the 44 miles of trail for a true wilderness camping experience. The class C sites are accessible to visitors with disabilities.**

**Additional activities: picnicking, hiking, snowmobiling, hunting and hand trap range.**

**Specific duties: register campers, collect camping fees, check the cleanliness and supplies of the restrooms and report any problems to Supervisor in charge.**

**8. Sangchris Lake State Park - minimum of 3 couples**

9898 Cascade Rd.

Rochester, IL (217) 498-9208

3576 acreage

Class A, B/E, C, Y sites

The *Deer Run Campground* on the North end of the lake contains 40 class A sites with electricity, showers and vehicle access, 80 class B/E sites with vehicle access with electricity and 5 class C sites for tent camping, walk-in or backpack; no vehicle; with showers and 5 additional equestrian campsites. A sanitary dump station is provided in each campground.

*Hickory Point Campground*, near the east boat dock area contains 55 class A sites with electricity, showers and vehicle access and 10 class D sites for tent camping, walk-in or backpack with no vehicle access but provides showers. Playground equipment is nearby. Handicapped sites are located in both campgrounds. Group camping is available in the wilderness area near the office and service building.

Additional Activities: picnicking, boating, fishing, hiking, hunting, and dog training.

Specific duties: register campers and collect camping fees and monitor campgrounds. Check & report any problems in restroom facilities to Supervisor in charge.

**9. Siloam Springs State Park - minimum of 4 couples**

938 E 3003<sup>rd</sup> Lane

Clayton, IL (217) 894-6205

3323 acreage

Class A, B/S, D sites

*Pine Grove and Oak Ridge campgrounds* offers 69 electrical sites ranging from 20 to 50 amp service and seven B/S sites. Restrooms, hot showers, water and vehicle access is spread out throughout the campground. This campground offers playground equipment, and a small basketball area.

*Hickory Hill campground* has 21 electrical sites with 20 to 50 amp service and 42 B/S sites with water, toilets (pit) and security lighting. Group camping is available with prior notification. Our *Backpack campground* class D sites has a pack in hike of 3 miles. Vehicle parking is restricted to the office lot. The campground has a pit toilet, tables, and fire rings. This camp area is closed during hunting seasons. The Equestrian park offers enough camping for 40 units. Eight electrical pedestal offer 20 and 30 amp service. Water is located in the campground, two pit toilets, tables, fire rings and security lights. A centrally located sanitary dump station is provided along the main road leading into the park. Handicapped sites are

located in all campgrounds except equestrian and backpack camps.

**Additional activities:** picnicking, concession, fishing, boating, hiking, horse trails, equestrian camping, hunting and winter sports. No swimming is permitted.

**Specific duties:** register campers and collect fees, assist campers, monitor campground for cleanliness, repairs and or stocking supplies notifying Supervisor in charge.

**10. *Washington County Conservation Area* - minimum of 1 couple**

18500 Conservation Dr.  
Nashville, IL (618) 327-3137  
1440 acreage  
Class A, C, Y sites

Tent and trailer spaces are available. The Campground includes 51 class A sites and 100 class C & Y sites. Electricity and disposal are available for trailers. A shower building is also located in the camping area.

**Additional activities:** picnicking, hiking, fishing, boating, and hunting.

**Specific duties:** register campers, collect camping fees, pass out information.

Check & report any problems in restroom facilities to Supervisor in charge.

**11. *World Shooting Complex***

One Main Event Way  
Sparta, IL 62286 (618)-295-2700

This unique site is located in Southern Illinois near the City of Sparta, near three airports and less than 50 miles from three metropolitan areas including St. Louis, MO. Visitors will have access to a variety of amenities from quaint local restaurants and shops, to the bustling activities of the St. Louis area. The complex features a variety of activities for the avid sportsman:

1500+ acres including 250 acres of water

120 trap fields extending 3.5 miles - 2 sporting clay courses

25 Skeet Houses

Cowboy Action Shooting corral

Championship 3-D archery course

750 RV campsites with electric and water, and potential for camping jamborees accommodating 1000+ campers

Multi-purpose, multi-use recreational facility

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**REGION V****1. *Cave-in-Rock State Park* - minimum of 1 couple**

**New State Park Rd.  
Cave-In-Rock, IL (618) 289-4325  
204 acreage  
Class B, E, Y sites**

**In the scenic north side of the park there are 34 class B sites. They are equipped with electricity and can accommodate units up to 35 feet long. Twenty-five class C tent sites are also available and water, restrooms and dumping stations are present in both areas. Class Y sites are also available for youth groups. Certain sites are accessible to visitors with disabilities.**

**Additional activities: picnicking, dining, marina, hiking, fishing and boating. Specific duties: register campers and collect camping fees, pass out information, check the cleanliness and supplies of the restrooms and report any problems in campground shower buildings to Supervisor.**

**2. *Dixon Springs State Park* - minimum of 1 couple**

**RR #2 Box 178  
Golconda, IL (618) 949-3394  
787 acreage  
Class B/E, D, Y sites**

**There are 38 class B/E sites with a sanitary dumping stations and electricity is available. These sites are accessible to visitors with disabilities. A 10 site tent camping area is also provided for the primitive camper. Cabins and a group camping area are available for organized groups.**

**Additional activities: basketball, picnicking, swimming pool, trails, and concession stand.**

**Specific duties: Register campers and collect camping fees.**

**3. Ferne Clyffe State Park - minimum of 1 couple**

Route 37 South Box 10  
Goreville, IL (618) 995-2411  
2430 acreage  
Class A, C, Y sites

Ferne Clyffe has a campground for every type of camper: modern, primitive, youth group, backpack or equestrian. *Deer Ridge Campground* is a well shaded class A facility and offers gravel pads with electricity, picnic tables, and cooking grills. Drinking water, seasonal showers, flush toilets and a sanitary dump station complete the perfect setting for campers who prefer to include a few comforts of home with their outdoor adventure. The class A sites are accessible to visitors with disabilities. *Turkey Ridge* is for campers who want a serene outdoor experience. It is a class C walk-in or vehicular access campground that includes camp pads, picnic tables and cooking grills. Drinking water and toilets are located near the parking lots.

Scouts, church groups and other youth groups will enjoy the youth group campground. This class D facility is equipped with drinking water, picnic tables, cooking grills, toilets and parking.

The class C backpack campground is located one half-mile from the *Turkey Ridge* primitive campground parking lot. These woodland sites have cooking grills and toilets. Water is available at the *Turkey Ridge* parking lot. Horseback riders can ride directly to their own class C campground on the trail or drive to it in their vehicles. Up to 25 riders can be accommodated at the site, which includes picnic tables, drinking water, cooking grills, toilets and parking.

Additional activities: picnicking, trails and fishing.

Specific duties: register campers, collect camping fees, give out information and inform staff of any problems involving campers. Check & report any problems in restroom facilities to Supervisor in charge.

**4. Fort Massac State Park - minimum of 1 couple**

1308 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St  
Metropolis, IL (618) 524-4712  
1499 acreage  
Class A, B/S sites

The park has 50 class A vehicular campsites with electricity, a disposal station, shower building, tent camping, and a separate group campground. The class A sites are accessible to visitors with disabilities.

**Additional activities: picnicking, hiking, boating, fishing, hunting, the Fort Massac Encampment, historic area with French and American Fort, museum and visitor's center.**

**Specific duties: register campers, collect camping fees, check shower buildings for cleanliness and supplies and notify staff, pass out park literature.**

**5. *Giant City State Park***

**235 Giant City Rd.  
Makanka, IL (618) 457-4836  
3694 acreage  
Class A, D sites**

**Giant City's class A campgrounds provide water, electricity, showers, and sanitary facilities. Tent and trailer camping is available as well. There is a separate class A campground for equestrians. There are 14 walk-in campsites at the south end of the campground.**

**Additional activities: lodging, picnicking, hiking, hunting, fishing and boating.**

**Specific duties: register campers and collect camping fees. Check & report any problems in restroom facilities to Supervisor in charge.**

**6. *Hamilton County State Fish & Wildlife Area*- minimum of 1 couple**

**RR# 4 Box 242  
McLeansboro, IL (618) 773-4340  
1683 acreage  
Class A, B/E , C, D, Y sites**

**Tent and trailer sites are available with electricity and sanitary dump stations.**

**Additional activities: picnicking, fishing, boating, concessions and hunting.**

**Specific duties: Register campers and collect camping fees.**

**7. *Horseshoe Lake Conservation Area***

**Box 85  
Miller City, IL (618) 776-5689  
9550 acreage  
Class A, B/E, C sites**

**Tent and trailer camping sites with water hydrants and pit toilets are available for overnight guests. Trailer sites also include electricity and sanitary dump station. A shower is provided at the west-side campground.**

**Additional activities: picnicking, fishing and boating, hunting.  
Specific duties: Register campers and collect camping fees. Check & report any problems in restroom facilities to Supervisor in charge.**

- 8. *Lake Murphysboro State Park* - minimum of 1 couple  
52 Cinder Hill Drive  
Murphysboro, IL (618) 684-2867  
1024 acreage  
Class A, E, B/S, Y sites**

**Campers who want to truly experience nature will appreciate the 20 tent sites. Those who love nature, but like the comforts of home will prefer the 54 trailer sites that are equipped with electricity. The park has 3 class A handicapped sites along with the new class B/S handicapped site. A sanitary disposal station is located near the trailer area.  
Additional activities: picnicking, fishing, boating, hiking and concessions.  
Specific duties: register campers and collect camping fees, pass out park literature check the cleanliness and supplies of the restrooms and report any problems in campground shower buildings to Supervisor in charge.**

- 9. *Ramsey Lake State Park* - minimum of 3 couple  
PO Box 97  
Ramsey, IL (618) 423-2215  
1960 acreage  
Class A, B/E, C, D, Y sites**

**The site includes 95 class A campsites with a sanitary disposal station, electricity, a flush toilet and shower building. Another 24 sites are available with electricity for organized groups. *Hickory Grove* is the choice for those needing only picnic tables, fire pads and privies. *Hickory Grove* also has 75 sites available in a densely wooded area with unequalled views of shay trees and natural beauty. Water hydrants are conveniently placed throughout the campgrounds. A special site is available for organized youth groups.  
Additional activities: picnicking, trails, fishing, boating, hunting and winter activities.  
Specific duties: register campers, collect camping fees, check for security problems, check the cleanliness and supplies of the restrooms and report any problems in campground shower buildings to Supervisor in charge.**

**10. *Red Hills State Park* - minimum of 1 couple**

3571 Ranger Lane  
Sumner, IL (618) 936-2469  
967 acreage  
Class A, C, Y sites

There are more than 100 class A campsites with vehicular access that provide electricity, sanitary dump station, water and access to a modern handicapped-accessible building with showers and flush toilets. Some sites are pull-through with 50 amp service. In addition, there is a class C tent camping area, an equestrian campground, and youth group tent camping in the North Park.

A rental cabin is located in the class A campground.

Additional activities: picnicking, trails, fishing, boating, winter sports, hunting, and Oktoberfest. Horse Shows and other community events are held in the park throughout the summer.

A family restaurant is open year round.

Specific Duties: register campers, collect camping fees, pass out park literature. Check the cleanliness and supplies of the restrooms and report any problems in campground shower buildings to Supervisor in charge.

**11. *Stephen A. Forbes State Park* - minimum of 1 couple**

6924 Omega Rd.  
Kinmundy, IL (618) 547-3381  
3095 acreage  
Class A, B/S, C, Y sites

*Oak Ridge Campground* has 115 shaded campsites, with electricity, water and a shower building available. A shower building is available. Boat docks provide access to the lake for campers. A 120 foot floating walkway connects the campground with the marina area as well.

Rent-A-Camp sites are also available and can be reserved in advance by contacting the park office. A large wall tent with cots, lights, table and grill can sleep up to eight. Or a visitor cabin with bunk beds, electricity, table and grill can sleep up to six. For those preferring a more secluded spot with a scenic view of the lake, 10 walk-in sites are available.

Additional activities: picnicking, fishing, boating, swimming, trails, hunting and Sam Parr Biological Station.

Specific duties: register campers, collect camping fees, report illegal activities and disturbances in the campground to staff. Check & report any problems in restroom facilities to Supervisor in charge.

**12. *Saline County Fish & Wildlife Area* - minimum of 1 couple**

85 Glen O Jones Rd.  
Equality, IL (618) 276-4405  
1270 acreage  
Class C site

A large area accommodates both tent and trailer camping. Although electricity is not available, there is a sanitary disposal. Campers must obtain a camping permit from site personnel when they arrive.

Additional activities: hunting, picnicking, fishing, boating, trails, horses, and winter sports.

Specific duties: register campers and collect camping fees.

**13. *Sam Dale Lake Conservation area* - minimum of 1 couple**

RR #1 Box 101  
Johnsonville, IL (618) 835-2292  
1301 acreage  
Class B, E, D, Y sites

The campgrounds, *Hickory Hollow* and *Lakeview* have 36 sites each which provide the overnight visitor with necessary amenities in a shady, secluded section of the park. These campsites have electricity and a sanitary dump station. There are also tent and group camping areas including a handicapped pad in one campground.

Additional activities: basketball, hiking, swimming, picnicking, hunting, fishing and equestrian trails.

Specific duties: register campers, collect camping fees.

**14. *Wayne Fitzgerald State Park* - minimum of 2 couples**

11094 Ranger Rd.  
Whittington, IL (618) 629-2320  
3300 acreage  
Class A, D sites

Wayne Fitzgerald has 20 tent sites to accommodate primitive campers who relish a rustic outdoor experience. Those who want a few more amenities will want to take advantage of the 243 modern campsites, which offer electrical hookups and sanitary facilities. Three shower buildings are available for campers.

Additional activities: hunting, fishing, lodging, restaurant facilities, water sports, equestrian trails and picnicking.

Specific duties: register campers, collect fees, and pass out park literature check the cleanliness and supplies of the restrooms and report any problems in campground shower buildings to Supervisor in charge.

